GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:222
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS
BIKASH CHOWDHURY;RUPCHAND PAL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the educationally backward districts, particularly in SC/ST dominated areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the development of educationally backward districts during the current five year plan; and

(d) the target fixed and achieved in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 222 FOR 19TH MARCH, 2002 BY SHRI BIKASH CHOWDHURY AND SHRI RUPCHAND PAL

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. 146 districts have been identified as Educationally Backward Districts (Appendix-I).

(c) : During the 9th Five Year Plan, the major schemes/measures taken include;

(i) Relaxed norms for opening primary/middle schools,

(ii) Freeships/scholarships/fellowships, uniforms, stationery, school bags etc,

(iii) Reservation of seats in admission in educational institutions,

(iv) Relaxation in cut off marks in admissions/appointments,

(v) Priority to SCs & STs concentration areas in Universalisation of Elementary Education, Operation Blackboard, District Primary Education Programme, etc.,

(vi) Residential schools and Ashram Schools,

(vii) Hostels for SCs and STs,

(viii) Remedial and Special Coaching to improve academic skills, and

(ix) Preparation of text books in tribal languages.

Besides, funds have also been earmarked from the allocation under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub- Plan (TSP) for

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes respectively.

(d) : Appreciable progress has been achieved in the educational indicators of these sections of society i.e. Gross Enrolment Ratio, reduction in gender disparity, percentage increase in literacy rates and reduction in drop out rates (Appendix-II). While no separate targets have been fixed under the schemes/programmes of the Ministry, the effort has been to give priority attention to these sections of the society, including special focus to these districts. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) which also lays special emphasis on these districts has been launched only recently and hence it is premature to report any significant achievement(s) thereunder.

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1. ENROLMENT

(a) Primary (figures in 000)

Year	All Categories			Scheduled Castes			Scheduled Tribes		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1980-81	44576	28112	72688	7213	3768	10981	3133	1527	4660
1999-2000	64103	49509	113613	11810	8625	20435	6139	4511	10650
% Increase	43.80	76.11	56.30	63.73	128.9	86.09	95.95	195.42	128.54

(b) Upper Primary

(figures in 000)

Year	All Categories			Scheduled Castes			Scheduled Tribes		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1980-81	13278	6568	19846	1621	602	2223	537	205	742
1999-2000	25082	16983	42065	3881	2420	6301	1804	1101	2905
% Increase	88.90	158.57	111.96	139.42	301.9	183.45	235.94	437.07	291.51

2. GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO

(a) Primary (I-V)

Year	All Categories			Scheduled Castes			Scheduled Tribes		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1980-81	99.00	66.20	83.10	105.40	57.80	82.20	94.20	45.90	70.00
1999-2000	104.08	85.18	94.90	103.57	80.53	92.41	112.68	82.73	97.70

(b) Upper Primary (VI-VIII)

Year	All Categories			Scheduled Castes			Scheduled Tribes		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total

1980-81	52.10	27.20	40.10	41.40	16.20	29.10	28.20	10.80	19.50
1999-2000	67.15	49.66	58.79	73.57	50.33	62.49	70.75	44.79	58.01

3. DROP OUT RATES:

Year	All Categories			Scheduled Castes			Scheduled Tribes		
	Primary	U.P.	Sec.	Primary	U.P.	Sec.	Primary	U.P.	Sec.
1980-81	58.70	72.70	82.46	60.16	76.84	86.91	75.66	86.71	91.18
1998-99	39.74	56.82	67.44	44.27	63.58	76.63	57.36	72.80	82.96

4. LITERACY RATE AS PER CENSUS OF INDIA:

YEAR	All Categories		Scheduled Castes		Scheduled Tribes	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1961	34.44	12.95	16.96	3.29	13.83	3.16
1991	64.13	39.29	49.91	23.76	40.65	18.19
% increase	86.21	203.40	194.28	622.18	193.92	475.63

APPENDIX-I

LIST OF EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS

Name of States & Districts	S.No	Name of States & Districts	S.No	Name of States & Districts	S.No	Name of States & Districts
CHHATISGARH		ORISSA				
Mahbubnagar	43	Baster	81	Koraput	123	Unao
Medak	44	Sarguja	82	Balangir	124	Banda
Nizamabad			83	Baleshwar	125	Maharajganj
Karimnagar	GUJARAT		84	Cuttack	126	Mirzapur
Nalgonda	45	Banskantha	85	Ganjam	127	Sonbhadra
Warangal	46	Kachchh	86	Kalahandi	128	Azamgarh
Adilabad	JHARKHAND		RAJASTHAN		129	Barabanki
Khammam	47	Dumka	87	Banswara	130	Budaun
Rangareddy	48	Hazaribagh	88	Barmer	131	Basti
Vishakhapattanam	49	Palamu	89	Bhilwara	132	Bareilly
Vizianagaram	50	Sahibganj	90	Bundi	133	Faizabad
	51	Deoghar	91	Chittorgarh	134	Gorakhpur

Tawang 52 Giridih 92 Dhaulpur 135 Hamirpur
Tirap 53 Godda 93 Dungarpur 136 Hardoi
East Kameng KARNATAKA 94 Jaisalmer 137 Jaunpur
54 Gulbarga 95 Jalor 138 Mathura
Aurangabad 55 Raichur 96 Jhalawar 139 Moradabad
Begusarai MADHYA PRADESH 97 Jodhpur 140 Pratapgarh
Bhojpur 56 Chhattarpur 98 Nagaur 141 Rampur
Jehanabad 57 Guna 99 Pali 142 Sultanpur
Khagaria 58 Morena 100 Swai Madhopur 143 Varanasi
Nalanda 59 Panna 101 Sirohi WEST BENGAL
Samastipur 60 Rajgarh 102 Tonk 144 Birbhum
Saran 61 Rewa 103 Churu 145 Maldah
Vaishali 62 Satna 104 Udaipur 146 West Dinajpur
Araria 63 Sehore 105 Alwar
Bhagalpur 64 Shajapur 106 Bharatpur
Gopalganj 65 Shivpuri 107 Bikaner
Katihar 66 Sidhi 108 Ganganagar
Kishanganj 67 Jhabua 109 Jaipur
Madhepura 68 Ratlam 110 Kota
Munger 69 Betul 111 Sikar
Nawada 70 Datia UTTAR PRADESH
Paschimi 71 Dewas 112 Allahabad
Champaran
Purbi 72 Dhar 113 Bahraich
Champaran
Purnia 73 East Nimar 114 Deoria
Rohtas 74 Mandsaur 115 Gonda
Saharsa 75 Raisen 116 Kheri
Sitamarhi 76 Sagar 117 Lalitpur
Siwan 77 Shadole 118 Pilibhit
Darbhanga 78 Tikamgarh 119 Raibareli
Gaya 79 Vidisha 120 Shahjahanpur
Madhubani 80 West Nimar 121 Sidharthanagar
Muzaffarpur 122 Sitapur